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(57) Abstract

Arrays of protein-capture agents useful for the simultaneous detection of a plurality of proteins which are the expression products, or fragments thereof, of a cell or population of cells in an organism are provided. A variety of antibody arrays, in particular, are described. Methods of both making and using the arrays of protein-capture agents are also disclosed. The invention arrays are particularly useful for various proteomics applications including assessing patterns of protein expression and modification in cells.

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1. Claims: 1-28, 30-45

Array of protein capture agents comprising a substrate, at least one organic thin film covering some or all of the substrate surface, a plurality of patches wherein each patch comprises protein capture agents immobilized on the organic thin film and capable of binding to a specific binding ligand or an array of protein capture agents immobilized on the organic thin film and capable of binding to a specific binding ligand, using said array in diagnostic methods.

1.1:

Array of bound proteins comprising a substrate, at least one organic thin film covering some or all of the substrate surface, a plurality of patches wherein each patch comprises a different protein bound to a protein capture agent and immobilized on the organic thin film via said protein capture agent.

2. Claim : 29

Method of assaying in parallel a plurality of different proteins comprising delivering the sample to an array of spatially distinct patches of different protein capture agents and detecting binding to said patches.

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